



April 6, 2007

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL No. 1256

DIGEST OF HB 1256 (Updated April 4, 2007 4:27 pm - DI 71)

Citations Affected: IC 20-12; IC 23-13.

Synopsis: Diversity committees at state universities. Creates a diversity commission at the home campus and each regional campus of each state educational institution to: (1) review and recommend employment policies concerning diversity; (2) review faculty and administration personnel complaints concerning diversity; (3) make recommendations to promote and maintain cultural diversity among faculty members of state educational institutions; (4) make recommendations to promote recruitment and retention of minority students. Requires each commission to submit a report to their board of trustees annually.

Effective: July 1, 2007.

Smith V, Porter

(SENATE SPONSORS — LUBBERS, KENLEY, KRUSE, SIPES)

January 11, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on Education.
February 15, 2007, amended, reported — Do Pass.
February 19, 2007, recommitted to Committee on Ways and Means.
February 20, 2007, withdraw referral.
February 22, 2007, read second time, ordered engrossed.
February 23, 2007, engrossed.
February 27, 2007, read third time, passed. Yeas 92, nays 1.

SENATE ACTION

March 5, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on Education and Career Development.
April 5, 2007, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2006 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 20-12-23-60 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
2 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007]: **Sec. 60. (a) The board of trustees shall**
4 **create a diversity committee at the home campus and at each**
5 **regional campus to do the following:**

6 (1) Review and recommend faculty employment policies
7 concerning diversity issues.

8 (2) Review faculty and administration personnel complaints
9 concerning diversity issues.

10 (3) Make recommendations to promote and maintain cultural
11 diversity among faculty members.

12 (4) Make recommendations to promote recruitment and
13 retention of minority students.

14 (b) The diversity committee shall issue an annual report stating
15 the findings, conclusions, and recommendations of the committee
16 to the board of trustees.

17 SECTION 2. IC 20-12-38-2 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE

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AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007]: **Sec. 2. (a) The board of trustees shall create a diversity committee at the home campus and at each regional campus to do the following:**

(1) Review and recommend faculty employment policies concerning diversity issues.

(2) Review faculty and administration personnel complaints concerning diversity issues.

(3) Make recommendations to promote and maintain cultural diversity among faculty members.

(4) Make recommendations to promote recruitment and retention of minority students.

(b) The diversity committee shall issue an annual report stating the findings, conclusions, and recommendations of the committee to the board of trustees.

SECTION 3. IC 20-12-56-8 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007]: **Sec. 8. (a) The board of trustees shall create a diversity committee to do the following:**

(1) Review and recommend faculty employment policies concerning diversity issues.

(2) Review faculty and administration personnel complaints concerning diversity issues.

(3) Make recommendations to promote and maintain cultural diversity among faculty members.

(4) Make recommendations to promote recruitment and retention of minority students.

(b) The diversity committee shall issue an annual report stating the findings, conclusions, and recommendations of the committee to the board of trustees.

SECTION 4. IC 20-12-57.5-12 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007]: **Sec. 12. (a) The board of trustees shall create a diversity committee to do the following:**

(1) Review and recommend faculty employment policies concerning diversity issues.

(2) Review faculty and administration personnel complaints concerning diversity issues.

(3) Make recommendations to promote and maintain cultural diversity among faculty members.

(4) Make recommendations to promote recruitment and retention of minority students.

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(b) The diversity committee shall issue an annual report stating the findings, conclusions, and recommendations of the committee to the board of trustees.

SECTION 5. IC 20-12-61-9, AS AMENDED BY P.L.127-2005, SECTION 21, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007]: Sec. 9. **(a)** The state board has the following powers and duties:

(1) Initiating, promoting, inaugurating, and developing occupational and technical education programs in a manner consistent with sections 1 through 2 of this chapter.

(2) Operating, either through committee or through subordinate corporate entities, statewide general, liberal arts, occupational, and technical education programs, which in its opinion should be established due to the specialized nature of the programs, the limited number of students involved, or other unique features requiring special attention.

(3) Contracting with appropriate education institutions, including local public schools or other agencies, to carry out specific programs which can best and most economically be provided through this approach.

(4) Dividing the state into appropriate regions, taking into consideration, but not limited to, factors such as population, potential enrollment, tax bases, and driving distances, and developing an overall state plan which provides for the orderly development of regional technical institutes encompassing, ultimately, all parts of the state into a coordinated system providing a comprehensive program of post-high school general, liberal arts, occupational, and technical education.

(5) Whenever a regional institute is established, issuing a certificate of incorporation and a charter, in a form that the state board provides, to the regional institute, assisting and supervising the development of a regional plan, and coordinating regional programs to avoid unnecessary and wasteful duplication.

(6) Making biennial studies of the budget requirements of the regional institutes and of its own programs and preparing a budget, including anticipated revenues and providing for the construction or rental of facilities requisite to carrying out the needs of Ivy Tech.

(7) Performing or contracting for the performance of an audit of the financial records of each regional institute on at least a biennial basis.

(8) Creating a diversity committee at the home campus and at

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each regional campus to do the following:

(A) Review and recommend faculty employment policies concerning diversity issues.

(B) Review faculty and administration personnel complaints concerning diversity issues.

(C) Make recommendations to promote and maintain cultural diversity among faculty members.

(D) Make recommendations to promote recruitment and retention of minority students.

(b) The committee created under subsection (a)(8) shall issue an annual report stating the findings, conclusions, and recommendations of the committee to the state board.

SECTION 6. IC 20-12-64-15 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007]: **Sec. 15. (a) The board shall create a diversity committee to do the following:**

(1) Review and recommend faculty employment policies concerning diversity issues.

(2) Review faculty and administration personnel complaints concerning diversity issues.

(3) Make recommendations to promote and maintain cultural diversity among faculty members.

(4) Make recommendations to promote recruitment and retention of minority students.

(b) The diversity committee shall issue an annual report stating the findings, conclusions, and recommendations of the committee to the board.

SECTION 7. IC 23-13-18-30 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007]: **Sec. 30. (a) The board of trustees shall create a diversity committee at the home campus and at each regional campus to do the following:**

(1) Review and recommend faculty employment policies concerning diversity issues.

(2) Review faculty and administration personnel complaints concerning diversity issues.

(3) Make recommendations to promote and maintain cultural diversity among faculty members.

(4) Make recommendations to promote recruitment and retention of minority students.

(b) The diversity committee shall issue an annual report stating the findings, conclusions, and recommendations of the committee

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Education, to which was referred House Bill 1256, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill be amended as follows:

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

(SEE TEXT OF BILL)

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1256 as introduced.)

PORTER, Chair

Committee Vote: yeas 9, nays 3.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Education and Career Development, to which was referred House Bill No. 1256, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill DO PASS.

(Reference is made to House Bill 1256 as printed February 20, 2007.)

LUBBERS, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 7, Nays 2.

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